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RESPONSE TO SECOND NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment included with the Office Action mailed November 12, 2008, a corrected form of the claims from the Preliminary Amendment that was filed August 2, 2006, simultaneously with the patent application, follows. It is regretted that the filing made August 11, 2008 in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed August 7, 2008 was not completely correct with respect to claim 12.

This response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment is **not** a response on the merits to the Office Action that was mailed November 12, 2008 but is

intended to avoid any abandonment of any claim. A response on the merits to the Office Action mailed November 12, 2008 will be submitted in due course.

Respectfully submitted,



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